Expansion of facilities at AIIMS

1324. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY' WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is expanding its capacity by addition new OPD and a 50 room private ward;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that in spite of expansion and increase in beds, still there would be hardly any possibility of getting admission in AIIMS; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to provide more beds for low and medium level income group patients and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. AIIMS Hospital has started running its Paediatrics and Medicine OPD from the new complex, which is adjoining the main OPD complex. A new 50 room, private ward block has also started functioning.

(c) and (d) With the expansion and increase in beds strength in the private ward, all the patients needing admission they are admitted without delay. The Institute's hospital (including Centres) has 1626 beds and it is well equipped. Increase in bed strength in private ward would indirectly help patients from all income category as it would ease pressure on general ward.

Introduction of telemedicine

1325. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a framework has been formulated, for introducing telemedicine, the delivery of healthcare services through the IT infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the facilities required to be created in various States and their respective plans of action draw up, if any;